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SUBJECT : CGT DELEGATION VISIT SEEMS TO BE STEP TOWARD
IMPROVED FRANCO-GUINEAN RELATIONS

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1. CGT DELEGATION, LED BY GEORGES SEGUY, HAS BEEN IN CONAKRY SINCE SEPT 10 AND IS EXPECTED TO DEPART SEPT 14. MAJOR SPEECHES BY SEGUY AND TOURE WERE GIVEN AT MASS MEETING SEPT 11.

2. EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO SIGN THAT DELEGATION IS AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE OR MAKE CONCESSIONS TO GOG ON BEHALF OF GOF (SEGUY SAID DELEGATION INVITED BY GUINEAN LABOR UNIONS), VISIT SEEMS TO BE HELPING RAPPROCHEMENT PROCESS BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS. SEGUY'S SPEECH SHOWED THAT HE HAS BEEN BRIEFED BY SEKOU TOURE ON OUTSTANDING GOG/GOF DIFFERENCES (DEBTS TO VETERANS, ALLEGED INTERFERENCE IN GUINEAN AFFAIRS BY GOF), AND SEGUY TOOK GUINEAN LINE ON THESE POINTS.

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3. SEKOU TOURE'S SPEECH WAS INTERESTING IDEOLOGICAL HARANGUE,

BUT PARAGRAPHS DISCUSSING GUINEAN-FRENCH RELATIONS SEEMED RELATIVELY MODERATE AND CAREFULLY PREPARED. TOURE ALLUDED TO FRENCH RELATIONS WITH CUBA, USSR, CHINA AND ROMANIA, AND SAID THAT IF FRENCH CAN DEAL SIMILARLY WITH GUINEA, GUINEA IS READY FOR "WIDE COOPERATION". BUT IF FRANCE EXPECTS GUINEA TO ASSUME ROLE OF SENEGAL OR IVORY COAST "NOUS DISONS GRANDE MERCE" (THANKS, BUT NO THANKS).

4. CGT DELEGATION VISITING SEVERAL INDUSTRIAL SITES. SEGUY HAS SEVERAL TIMES MENTIONED CGT SUPPORT FOR FRANCOIS MITTERAND, WHICH HAS DRAWN ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD RESPONSE.
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